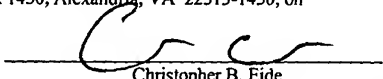


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For: **BYPASS AIR INJECTION METHOD  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

Applicants submit that claims 1-7 define substantially similar patentable subject matter claimed in issued U.S. Patent No. 6,449,956 filed April 9, 2001, and claims 8-14 define substantially similar patentable subject matter claimed in issued U.S. Patent No. 6,568,188 filed July 26, 2002.

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